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BLUE SPRINGS MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO RECEIVE CHILD PORN VIA MAIL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man, was arrested today on a federal charge of attempting to receive child pornography in the mail.

Brian D. Gnavi, 36, of Blue Springs, was charged in a criminal complaint filed April 25, 2005, in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. **Gnavi** was arrested at his home this morning by law enforcement officers.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the federal criminal complaint, a postal inspector with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service began an undercover operation after receiving information from the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department that **Gnavi** was allegedly following children from area middle and elementary schools. The affidavit refers to several incidents in which **Gnavi** was reported to be following or watching young girls near his residence and/or area schools.

Using an undercover name and address, the affidavit says, the postal inspector contacted **Gnavi** and offered to sell videos containing child pornography. **Gnavi** requested a video tape, the affidavit alleges, and a controlled mail delivery was made on Dec. 22, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia Phillips. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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